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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-167


Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Evansville, the third largest city in the state of Indiana, I encourage the Federal Communications Corporation to permit SBC to offer long distance service in Indiana.

SBC is a valued corporation in our community, providing essential telecommunications services, employment, and civic leadership. We are striving to create and maintain a strong, competitive economy in our community. We have several large manufacturing facilities – Toyota, General Electric, Whirlpool, and ALCOA – within our metropolitan area. In today's very competitive environment, we must be in the position to offer incentives to entice those companies to stay local and not relocate to foreign markets. Competitive long distance services would greatly add to that effort.

Thank you for your consideration. We trust your Commission will approve SBC's long distance application for Indiana.

Sincerely,


Russell G. Lloyd Jr.
Mayor

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